



Surrey Archaeological Society

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E-newsletter

Welcome to the Society's February e-newsletter, which highlights a few of the various events – conferences, lectures, training sessions, news items, etc – which we hope to be of interest to our members. Although general queries should continue to be directed to Hannah (info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk), those interested in volunteer opportunities or general outreach can contact me at outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk. Please also keep up-to-date via the website and social media ([@surreyarch](https://www.instagram.com/surreyarch)) for group and event updates.

Anne Sassin (*SyAS Outreach Projects Manager*)

Monumentality and Landscapes: linear earthworks in Britain

A free online talk by Dr Barney Harris of University College, London will take place on Zoom on **Thursday 23 March** (16:00-16:45) as a special Prehistoric Group lecture, discussing interim findings from the Leverhulme



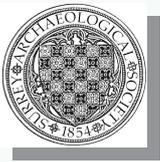
funded project, 'Monumentality and Landscape: Linear Earthworks in Britain'. The research discussed is comparing the two periods where tangible large scale territoriality emerged in the British landscape: the Iron Age and the early middle ages. For queries and booking info, please contact martintrose@aol.com.



Albury Park fieldwork

The first stage of a new community archaeology project in Albury Park will take place in March, which includes geophysical survey (both magnetometry and resistivity). The focus will be on the area of the former road between Albury and Shere and the now abandoned settlement – the original village of Albury along the Tillingbourne – whose displacement half a mile to the west began in the late 18th century.

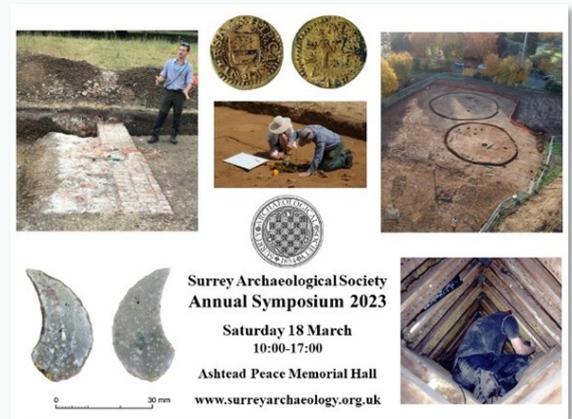
Volunteers are welcome for help with the survey, which will take place **Tuesday 21 – Saturday 25 March** (dates subject to weather). Training in use of the TAR-3 resistivity metre will also be provided. Please contact outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk for info.



Annual Symposium

Booking is open for the Annual Symposium, focusing on 'Recent Work in Surrey' on **Saturday 18 March** (10:00-17:00) at Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall KT21 2BE. Tickets £12, bookable via the [website](#).

The Margary Award for displays will be taking place on the day; to book a space, email rose-mary.hooker@blueyonder.co.uk. Volunteers to assist with the tea breaks are also welcome.



10:00 Chair: Tim Wilcock (President, SyAS)

10:10 Simon Maslin (Surrey FLO): 'Recent finds from Surrey'

10:45 James Brown (National Trust): 'The National Trust in Surrey'

11:20 Tea

11:40 Becky Haslam (AOC Archaeology): 'Mercer's Farm – a multi period site'

12:15 Andy Hood (Foundations Archaeology): 'Prehistoric and later activity at Spelthorne Leisure Centre'

12:50 Lunch, followed by Margary Award

14:10 Ian Goode (SyAS): 'Frensham Mesolithic points'

14:30 Martin Higgins (DBRG): 'The Surrey Dendro Publication'

15:10 Tea

15:40 Jessica Bryan & Helen Chittock (MoLA): 'Investigating a Saxon Cemetery in Coulsdon'

16:15 Emma Corke (SyAS): 'Cocks Farm, Abinger – an update'

16:50 Q+A and close

Environmental Sustainability

An interesting Institute of Conservation event on 'Sustainability Network: Resistance, Adaptation, Acceptance' is taking place online on **Thursday 9 March** (14:00-15:00). Dr Mairi Davies, Climate Change Policy Manager, Historic Environment Scotland (HES), will be sharing plans to safeguard against climate change and how their approach to climate change impacts, risk and adaptation of the historic environment have been shaped by working in partnership with other organisations. For more info, click [here](#).

Emma Coburn (SyAS Trustee)

Chertsey Abbey Study Day



This past weekend saw a fascinating study day at Chertsey Museum which focused on various aspects of Chertsey Abbey, its estates and the impact it had on local communities. The day featured a number of excellent talks, including Rob Briggs on the early charters, Euan Roger on the abbey in the late medieval period, Mark Forrest on Chertsey tenancy estates post-Black Death, David Taylor on the Chertsey estate of Cobham and Prof Amanda Luyster's video exhibition tour, all of which helped identify useful lines of inquiry, especially in terms of documentary research and analysis.

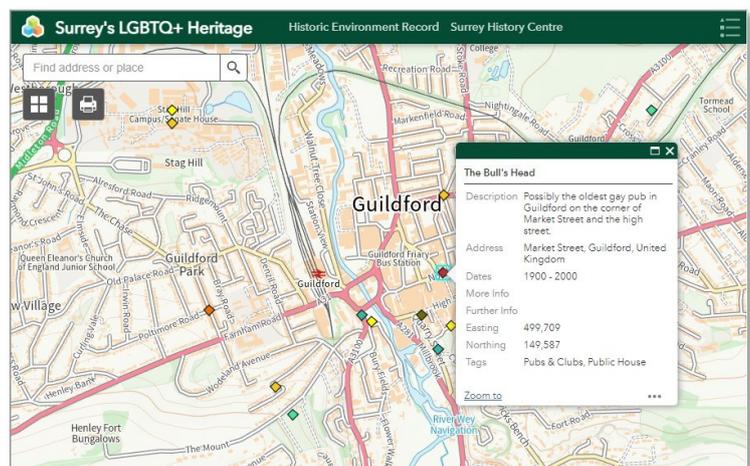
Many thanks to Chertsey Museum, including Emma Warren for her handling session of the tile fragments, the organisers from the Medieval Studies Forum and all of the day's fantastic speakers.

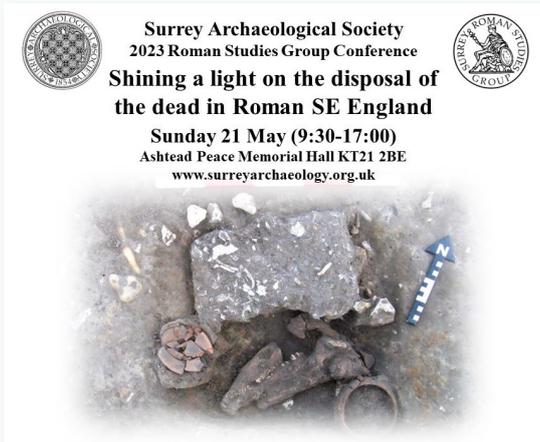
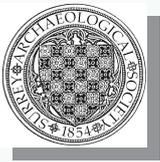
We hope to be able to provide recordings of some of the talks soon, but in the meantime, do enjoy some presentations provided by '[Chertsey tiles](#)' on YouTube.



LGBT+ History Month

For this year's LGBT+ History Month, the Surrey Historic Environment Record (HER), in partnership with colleagues at the Surrey History Centre, produced a fully interactive map of Surrey's LGBTQ+ Heritage. The map pinpoints places in the county connected to LGBTQ+ icons such as Quentin Crisp, Dame Ethel Smyth and Harry Daley, as well as community connections like much-loved gay bars and social groups. Work will continue henceforth to add to the map in order to create a wider and richer view of Surrey's LGBTQ+ history. While many details of the lives of famous actors and writers are well known, the same is not true of many of the everyday LGBTQ+ life stories. The HER and Surrey History Centre, therefore, would be delighted to receive further contributions for the map, either by email to her@surreycc.gov.uk or as comments on the webpage.





The disposal of the dead in Roman SE England conference

The Roman Studies Group announces its bi-annual conference to be held at Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall, Ashtead on **Sunday 21 May** (9:30-17:00). This conference aims not only to discuss evidence uncovered for death in the Roman period in the South-East and how it differs from continental practices, but also to explore what might account for the millions of dead that we do not see in the archaeological record.

Tickets are £15 and bookable on the [website](#).

10:00 David Calow (SyAS) Welcome

10:10 John Pearce (King's College London): 'The general character of the Roman funerary world'

11:00 Tea and coffee

11:30 Timothy Champion (University of Southampton): 'Rethinking burial and disposal practices in the Iron Age south-east'

12:00 David Ruding (Sussex School of Archaeology): 'Roman burial practices in South-East England'

12:30 Sadie Watson (MoLA): 'Roman burial in London: a review of the evidence from the City and Southwark'

13:00 Questions

13:15 Lunch

14:15 Ellen Green (University of Reading): 'Fragmented stories: the potential of disarticulated remains for investigating Roman mortuary practices'

14:45 Claire Hodson (University of Reading): 'From roundhouse to villa; exploring revised perspectives of infant death and burial'

15:15 Tony King (University of Winchester): 'Human remains found at temple sites in Britain and Gaul'

15:45 Tea and coffee

16:00 David Calow (SyAS): 'Looking for the dead in Roman South-East England – with help from Northern Gaul'

16:30 Questions and discussion

16:45 David Rudling: thanks and disperse



Cocks Farm Abinger 2023 dig

The latest season of excavations in the field adjacent to Cocks Farm Roman villa will take place **17 June to 23 July 2023**. The plan is to further explore magnetometry features in the field adjacent to the villa, adding to our knowledge of activity from prehistory onwards.

Provisional dates are as follows: 17-20, 22-26 June, 29 June-3 July, 6-8, 13-17, 20-23 July. If you are interested in taking part in any part of the excavations, please contact us via romanstudiesgroup@btinternet.com.

If you are interested in learning more, links to interim reports can be found [here](#).

Surrey Local History Committee

The SLHC spring meeting 'Music in Surrey' will take place on **Saturday 22 April** (9:30-15:30) at Surrey History Centre. Tickets are £15 and can be booked [online](#).

Stephen Rose (Royal Holloway): 'Music in the Surrey History Centre: parish church and family collections'

Catherine Ferguson (SyAS): "'Fight the Good Fight": hymn writing in Surrey'

David Taylor (SyAS): 'Hubert Parry and his Surrey connections'

Irene Shettle: 'Lucy Broadwood and English Folk Song'

Chris Wiley (Univ Surrey): 'Dame Ethel Smyth: composer, musician and Surrey resident'

Ges Ray: 'Leith Hill Music Festival'

The Local History Committee is also planning a meeting for **Spring 2024** on 'Surrey Eccentrics'. Do you have a local example that could be highlighted? If so, please let Gerry Moss know (g.p.moss@qmul.ac.uk). Even better, let him know if you, or someone else, would be able to talk about this person.

Surrey Industrial History Group Zoom lectures

SIHG continues its online Thursday lecture series (at 10:00), with talks including:

Thursday 2 March, Stuart Wilkinson (Brighton Belle Trust): 'Bringing back the Brighton Belle'

Thursday 16 March, Richard Mellors (ex Union-Castle Line & P&O): 'The Voyage South'

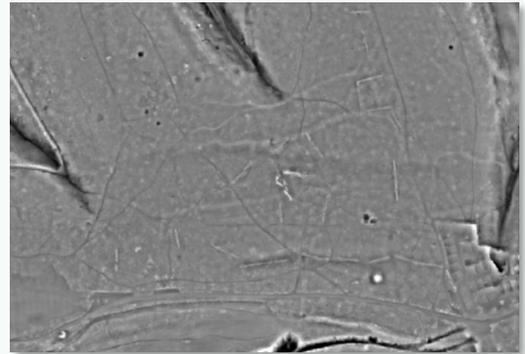
Thursday 30 March, Graham Rood (Curator FAST): 'Farnborough Air Sciences Trust'

Thursday 13 April, Simon Knapman (Wey and Arun Canal Trust): 'A Journey along London's Lost Route to the Sea'

For more information on how to join the talks, please visit the [SIHG webpage](#).

LiDAR groundtruthing

Interested in joining the Surrey LiDAR team? In addition to the general digitising work, which has currently recorded over 300 features of interest from the higher resolution (0.25 and 0.5m) coverage of the county on the [Surrey LiDAR Portal](#), targeted work is being arranged for digitising and ground-truthing LiDAR features at three sites this spring: Chobham Common, Box Hill and Headley Heath.



0.5m Local Relief Model LiDAR at Box Hill

Groundtruthing will be taking place at Headley Heath on **Thursday 2** and **Wednesday 15 March**, with further dates to be confirmed shortly. Please get in touch with us at outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk to register your interest or with any questions.

Finds from the FLO

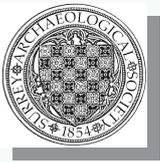
This little farthing token [SUR-7B4C77](#) (c.1650-1674) for the Shipwright's Arms pub, Rotherhithe Wall, is a previously unrecorded type, found by mudlarking only this past month. Entirely unique, its obverse bears Shipwright's arms, 'SHIP: CARPENTERS AR', while on the reverse is 'W/I*T triad, AT R(E)[DRIF]F:WALE'.



This intriguing gilded medieval harness pendant ([SUR-A1624D](#)), also found just recently in Bletchingley, is an earlier form than the heraldic types more often found and dated to the later 12th century. The copper alloy plate has traces of a moulded and gilded design remaining, comprising a triangular frame with a zig-zag and pellet border at the lower edge and small inverted triangular panel over the apex.

Recent items acquired by the Library

In January, the following [new items](#) were acquired by the Library. To view other [recent acquisitions](#) or browse the online Library [catalogue](#), please visit the website.



Surrey History Day

On **Saturday 11 March**, Surrey Heritage will be holding a free Open Day at Surrey History Centre to celebrate their 75th anniversary. This includes two free talks at 12:00 ‘Making Archives Matter’ and 12:45 ‘The Work of the Portable Antiquities Scheme in Surrey’. In addition to free family activities, there will also be behind the scenes tours, which will last around 30 minutes and cost £2 per person (pre booking is essential). More details on this day and how to book are available [here](#).



Prehistory in the Past and the Past of Prehistory

On **Saturday 4 March** (10:00), the Prehistoric Society will be holding a hybrid day school on the history of the study of prehistory. General admission tickets are £40 in person / £20 online only, bookable from the [website](#).

Speakers include Rachel Pope (Univ of Liverpool), Jago Cooper (Univ of East Anglia), Chantal Conneller (Univ of Newcastle), Tim Champion (Univ of Southampton), Qin Cao (Durham University), Rose Ferraby (Univ of Exeter), Melanie Giles (Univ of Manchester), Jennifer Wexler (English Heritage), Neil Wilkin (BM) and Sue Greaney (Univ of Exeter).

LAMAS Roman towns conference

On **Saturday 25 March** (11:00-17:00) London and Middlesex Archaeological Society will hold their annual archaeology conference, this year via Zoom and on the topic of Roman towns. Tickets are £15 and available on the [website](#).



Chaired by Harvey Sheldon, speakers include Andy Hood (Foundations Archaeology), Dougie Killock (PCA), Alison Telfer (MOLA), Ireneo Grosso (PCA), Jake Weekes (CAT), Glynn Davis (Colchester & Ipswich Museums), Kris Lockyear (UCL IoA), Mike Fulford (Univ of Reading) and Dominic Perring (UCL IoA).

For more information on opportunities in your local region, be sure to follow SCAU (education.scau@surreycc.gov.uk and [@diggingsurreyspast](#)), as well as the Council for British Archaeology South-East (www.cbasmouth-east.org and [@CBASouthEast](#)).